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REMARKS

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1. The Krueger Kaserne, Scherlin (M 54/T 46), seemed to be occupied to capacity [redacted] with all its windows being lighted at dusk. Three barracks buildings quartered EM while the fourth building appeared to house officers' families. Officers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Most of the EM wore red-bordered black epaulets and some wore red epaulets. No training activity was observed. Three T-34 and two JS-3 tanks were parked in the barracks yard. *

2. The Moltke Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity. All the buildings were lighted at night. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with artillery insignia. Four 100 mm AT guns were parked in the barracks yard [redacted] a full-track prime mover towing a 100-mm AT gun with a 7-man crew was observed. There was no training activity. *

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3. The Freiherr von Fritsch Kaserne was occupied, as could be determined from windows being lighted in the evening. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with motor transport insignia, were observed. [redacted] a signal unit was stationed there, because soldiers who marched out of the installation carried signal equipment. Passenger car [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were seen in the billeting area.

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4. The former DAF (German Labor Front) building seemed to house a high-echelon headquarters. All the windows of the building were lighted at dusk, and numerous officers were seen there.

5. T-34 tanks [redacted] and one SU-85 SP gun [redacted] were observed at the Grosse Dresch drill field.

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6. [redacted] the Freiherr von Fritsch Kaserne was still occupied by 1,000 troops, according to the lighted windows of the installation. Gate guards wore black-bordered black epaulets. Intensive training activity was seen in the billeting area. Five or six groups of 8 to 10 men each were engaged in training. One hundred more soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets did calisthenics and were afterwards

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picked up by truck [] Motor vehicles []
[] were also observed.

7. The Krueger Kaserne seemed to be still occupied by about 1,000 troops. Training activity was not observed. Motor vehicles seen at the installation included vehicles [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, the last vehicle's driver wearing tank insignia. Other vehicles seen there []

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8. The Hindenburg Kaserne was seemingly still occupied by about 1,000 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, presumably with artillery insignia. A group of 15 to 20 soldiers was seen at the installation [] No training activity was observed. Military personnel, mostly officers, were observed between the Hindenburg Kaserne and a corner building on Kaethe Kollwitzstrasse, which was believed to house a headquarters.

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9. The ~~Maltke~~ Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity by not less than 1,000 troops. All windows of the installation were lighted the evening [] All sentries and gate guards were withdrawn []. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [] were seen in the billeting area. *

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10. The Adolf Hitler Kaserne seemed to be occupied to capacity by not less than 5,000 troops, since the windows of the installation, including most of its garages, were lighted in the evenings. Most of the soldiers observed wore black-bordered red epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Gate guards at the front entrance wore black-bordered red epaulets and those at the rear entrance red-bordered black epaulets. Twelve garages were occupied to capacity, predominantly by trucks. Two hundred troops without equipment, wearing black-bordered red epaulets were engaged in an endurance test. Motor vehicles [] were seen in the billeting area.

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11. Observations []

[] indicated that, [] there were no changes in the occupation of Schwerin barracks installations. The units in the individual installations were engaged in basic training and troops of no more than platoon size were seen leaving for practice at the drill field or target range.

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12. Signal sections of the unit in the Fritsch Kaserne practiced with portable radio and telephone sets south of ~~Ostorf~~ Lake. Another small unit from the Fritsch Kaserne practiced with four rubber rafts and three assault boats at the southern shore of the Ostorf Lake. Motor vehicles seen with the units []

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13. Motor vehicles seen at the headquarters on Schlossgartenallee []

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14. Gate guards at the Hindenburg Kaserne wore artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [] were seen there.

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15. Sentries at the Marstall wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [] were seen there.

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16. Gate guards at the Krueger Kaserne wore artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [] were seen in the billeting area. *

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17. Gate guards at the Moltke Kaserne wore tank insignia. Motor vehicles seen there [redacted]

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18. Soldiers guarding the Adolf Hitler Kaserne wore infantry insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted]

[redacted] were seen at the installation.

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19. Sentries at the former DAF building wore infantry insignia. Motor vehicles seen there [redacted]

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20. Sentries at the ordnance depot near the Sternbuchholz railroad station wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed at the depot.

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21. [redacted] eight new [redacted] full-track prime movers, fitted with supports for machine guns, were unloaded from a train at the Schwerin freight station and moved to the Hindenburg Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] were loaded with ammunition from boxcars which arrived the same day.

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22. Within 20 minutes [redacted] two convoys of about 20 trucks each drove into the Adolf Hitler Kaserne, coming from the direction of Ludwigslust. Each truck carried about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Included among the convoys were trucks [redacted]

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Comment. [redacted] the Krueger Kaserne is believed to quarter artillery units only and the Moltke Kaserne the 74th (?) Tank SP Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.

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